

MEMPHIS APPEAL

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 16, 1871.

FOR MAYOR,

JOHN JOHNSON.

THE SCEPTER HATH DEPARTED FROM JUDAH.

The manner in which elections have been conducted for many years, has occasioned sadness to the earnest believers in republican institutions. Only a few months since patriotism was devoted to the people without restraint. It was especially in the great cities that these evils made themselves openly manifest, and the problem was far from being solved, whether it was possible for a pure democracy to govern successfully a large number of men crowded together in the narrow bounds of a municipality, where vast and ignorant, and crime must necessarily abound, and the struggle for existence becomes so absorbing that the citizen finds it impossible to devote time and attention to the intricate political management. However public-spirited a citizen may be, he speedily learns attending a few primary meetings and delegating elections to the hands of the professional politicians, who make his living by it. He cannot know everybody, and he votes for a delegate in complete ignorance whether that delegate is worthy of confidence, and may not be secretly pledged or openly bought to confer a "regular nomination" on the very jolly-bird out of the penitentiary. Very soon finds that he is a helpless victim in the hands of shrewd knaves, and he abandons the task of purifying party machinery in hopeless disgust. Thus the control of the machinery passes inevitably into the hands of the most reckless and unscrupulous of the party, who keep themselves in place by their own plundering and allow their own underlings to plunder. Thus arises that mysterious "influence" by which a few men behind the scenes direct the destinies of the city, and force upon the people candidates who excite the disgust of every thinking man who votes for them. By combining together and sharing the spoils, they form "rings," whose power is felt and acknowledged, though only a few know the men who control them. How difficult it is to shake of this yoke, and what it leads to we may see in New York. But the power of the rings and plunderers has been broken, and the evils which have oppressed the people will soon be cured. The day has arrived when a citizen will decide for himself, and not from the office-seekers. For the future they will in their municipal elections look only to the character of the man for whom they vote, and not to the party of which he is the candidate. This means that mysterious "influence" will be a thing of the past, and the people will place and plunder. By this policy a comparatively few honest citizens can force a purification of politics that will do more for the good government of the city and the salvation of our institutions than the misguided terror of all the voters who make false and unscrupulous the leading point of their political faith.

THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL.

The debate in congress, of which a part is given in another place, shows that the Appeal was not mistaken as to the force or purpose of labor unions and international associations of this country and Europe. It was never the design of the founders of this government that it should become the prey of the mob, or a machine to be driven by organized wealth. Anarchy on the one hand and despotism on the other were equally feared and avoided. The dream of despotic local industry was dispelled by the fiercest war and the revolution drives us to consolidation. European despots have long represented the energies and activities of the nation, when the shackles were broken that had been worn for centuries by the poor of France, it is not amazing that the popular mind was so easily misled by the promises of a few men, who, by the use of force, have been grossly exaggerated. There have been no conspiracies of the kind, but the conduct of the communists through the medium of a hostile British press, their deeds may have been indefensible, but not more than their wrongs for centuries were inexcusable. If the absorption and non-politicalization of money by the few, who have, in the government as now conducted, an engine of oppression by which a favored class is created and its boundless wealth constantly augmented, by which the rich are constantly enriched, and the poor ever become poorer—if this be the system which hostility to the south and southern states of government has begotten at the north, it is well that the subject attracts the attention of congress and it is by no means a matter of surprise that workmen combine against the authority of wealth that shapes every act of legislation at Washington. Local and individual independence are inseparable, even as centralization and autocratic facts and forms. It is a question the "communist" signifies, as it does among intelligent Frenchmen and Germans, local freedom. And all that the International asks in this country is the restoration of equal rights to the people, rich and poor. If that be conceded, social position depends simply upon personal worth; not money may retain in power even as a vulgar "ring" master of Grant.

MEMPHIS AND PADUACH.

The people may now rest assured that the Memphis and Paduach road will be built. At the meeting of directors at the Paduach hotel, night before last, every arrangement was made to secure the speedy result. The action of the legislature, providing for the consolidation of the Tennessee and Kentucky portions of the road, and giving us the directors was accepted; the Memphis debt of one hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars was provided for; there was perfect harmony of action; the survey and location of the line by James L. Meigs was approved, and it only remains for the stockholders to meet on the ninth of next month and elect directors for the consolidated company. The management of the fiscal affairs of the company should be transferred to New York, and the progress of the work will be greatly facilitated. We have not the means to compass the task, and should surrender it to those whose interest will induce energetic action. McCombs once agreed to build a line from Troy to Memphis within six months. He is one of the owners of the Paduach and Troy road, and it is quite probable that the notes for \$100,000 which he has against the Memphis and Troy (Mississippi River) railway will be converted into stock. In any event, this debt is adjusted between himself and Mr. Norton. There is one little matter that should not be forgotten. It would be a great public wrong and private outrage to leave Dyersburg out in the cold. It is the greatest little town on the continent. With a wealth of only \$100,000, Dyersburg would be a subscription of \$50,000 to this road, and this in the face of the opposition of Neal's Gazette—the London Times of Dyersburg. In fact there were only five votes in opposition to the measure. Let Dyersburg be crowned immortal. It is the most daring, progressive village of America.

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